

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

(dollars in millions)

	2000 <u>Actual</u>	2001 <u>Enacted</u>	2002 <u>Request</u>	Request <u>+/-Enacted</u>
Program Level.....	\$934	\$1,105	\$1,100	-\$5
FTE.....	119	122	124	+2

SUMMARY

The FY 2002 budget request for the Administration on Aging (AoA) is \$1.1 billion, a net decrease of \$5 million compared to FY 2001. The net decrease is a result of the non-continuation of \$18 million for 34 one-time Training, Research and Discretionary projects funded in FY 2001. The FY 2002 budget includes increases of \$13 million to provide additional services to our Nation's growing older population and their caregivers. The Census Bureau predicts that the number of Americans age 65 and older will grow by about one percent per year for the next decade before increasing rapidly to 70 million in 2030, more than twice the number in 1997.

THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

AoA's goal is to improve the quality of life for all older Americans by helping them to remain independent and productive. Through the Older Americans Act, funds are distributed – primarily by formula – through a nation-wide network of State, Tribal and area agencies on aging, to some 29,000 local service providers.

On November 13, 2000, the Older Americans Act was reauthorized for the first time since 1992. The reauthorization added a new National Family Caregiver Support Program to provide assistance to caregivers

"We must do all we can to ensure that our older residents can remain at home and receive care from loved ones for as long as possible. This money will allow States to develop systems of support to ease the burden on hundreds of thousands of family caregivers nationwide."

Secretary Thompson

of older family members. More than five million older individuals rely on care from family and close friends to remain at home. The role of the caregiver is difficult; half are themselves over the age of 65, and one-third have full time jobs. Research shows that caregiver's rates of

depression are significantly higher than non-caregivers of the same age.

To address this situation, the FY 2002 budget request includes a total of \$127 million for the National Family Caregiver Support Program, an increase of \$2 million over the previous year. States received their first caregiver awards on February 15, 2001.

In addition to creating the Family Caregiver Support Program, the Older Americans Act was modified to give States, area agencies and Tribes important new

flexibility to maximize the effectiveness of their program activities.

NUTRITION SERVICES

AoA nutrition services help older persons to remain in their homes and communities. Research has indicated that for many, the availability of a home delivered meal is crucial to their ability to function independently at home. According to this same evaluation, meal preparation is difficult or impossible for 41 percent of program recipients, and 77 percent have difficulty with one or more daily activity.

The budget request includes \$562 million for nutrition services overall, a four percent increase for home-delivered meals and a nine percent increase for Grants for Native Americans. With the additional funding requested, the three nutrition programs will be able to provide 301 million meals in FY 2002, an increase of 7 million meals over FY 2001.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

The FY 2002 budget also includes an additional \$2 million for Supportive Services, for a total of \$327 million. Supportive Services include information and referral; transportation and assistance; chore, homemaker and personal care services; and the provision of adult day care. Transportation is a critical service, particularly in areas which are typically underserved by public transportation where more than 70 percent of older Americans live. According to a 1997 AARP study, one quarter of the 75-plus age group does not drive, and this number is expected to increase as the population ages. In FY 2001, AoA estimates that the aging network will provide 48.7 million rides, providing older Americans with the means to visit health professionals, pharmacies and grocery stores.

TRAINING, RESEARCH AND DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS

A total of \$18 million is included to continue innovative projects that initiate, develop, and test best practices in serving the elderly (e.g., state-wide legal hotlines, health care anti-fraud, waste and abuse projects). The FY 2002 budget does not include \$18 million for 34 one-time projects funded in FY 2001.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The budget request also includes \$2 million for aging network support activities (e.g., Eldercare Locator and Pension Counseling), \$21 million for Preventive Health Services, \$14 million for Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans – including Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention activities – and \$9 million for Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants. These programs are all funded at their FY 2001 levels.

A total of \$18 million is requested for Program Administration, an increase of \$1 million over FY 2001. Additional funds will support 124 FTE, an increase of two FTE, fund inflationary increases, and allow AoA to expand efforts to better serve stakeholder populations through areas such as e-government and information and outreach activities.

AOA OVERVIEW

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	2000 <u>Actual</u>	2001 <u>Enacted</u>	2002 <u>Request</u>	Request <u>+/-Enacted</u>
National Family Caregiver Support.....	\$0	\$125	\$127	+\$2
Nutrition Services:				
Home-Delivered Meals.....	147	152	158	+6
Grants for Native Americans.....	19	23	25	+2
Congregate Meals.....	<u>374</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal, Nutrition Programs.....	\$540	\$554	\$562	+\$8
Supportive Services and Centers.....	\$310	\$325	\$327	+\$2
Training, Research & Discretionary Projects.....	30	36	18	-18
Aging Network Support Activities.....	2	2	2	0
Preventive Health Services.....	16	21	21	0
Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans	13	14	14	0
Alzheimer's Disease.....	6	9	9	0
Program Administration.....	16	17	18	+1
Operation Restore Trust	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Program Level.....	\$934	\$1,105	\$1,100	-\$5
Less Funds Allocated From Other Sources:				
Operation Restore Trust	<u>-\$1</u>	<u>-\$2</u>	<u>-\$2</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total, Budget Authority.....	\$933	\$1,103	\$1,098	-\$5
FTE.....	119	122	124	+2